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1. REFERENCE TO MEETING OF "STUKACH" WITH "NICK"
2. REPORT BY "PLUMB" ON RECOGNITION OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF "RAS".
3. REPORT BY "PLUMB" ON ACTION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

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To VIKTOR.

STUKACH<sup>[1]</sup> can leave for the West for a meeting with NICK[NIK]<sup>[11]</sup>. We can ask GIFT[DAR]<sup>[111]</sup> for the address. We await your [1 group unrecovered].

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PLUMB[LOT]<sup>[1v]</sup> from RAJDER's<sup>[1]</sup> [REJDER]<sup>[v]</sup> group advises that the recognition of the provisional government of RAS[RAS]<sup>[v]</sup> was to a considerable extent the result of the pressure of the most conservative elements beginning with LEAHY<sup>[vi]</sup> and ending with CALIPH[KALIF]<sup>[vii]</sup> and OTs, who only a few months ago were coming out against recognition. Now these people see in RAS a reactionary figure capable of setting up an anti-Soviet bloc after the war. Notwithstanding the de facto recognition CAPTAIN[KAPITAN]<sup>[viii]</sup> is suspicious of RAS fearing the possibility of the creation of a military dictatorship.

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FRANK[FRENK](ix) will resign from the BANK[BANK](x) allegedly "for personal reasons". Details and prospects for the future are being looked into.

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PLUMB[LOT] advises that at CAPTAIN's direction the Department of Justice [4 groups unrecovered] a number of secret documents [concerning][a] the activities of [2 groups unrecovered] representatives of corporations and their connections with German cartels. [Of Among these] representatives are William CLAYTON[xi], DU PONT, FORD, MELLON, WEIR, FEW, "North American Aviation", and some oil companies. Also involved is Winthrop ALDRICH[xii], a supporter of KULAK[xiii] and his

[14 or 15 groups unrecovered]

T.N.: [a] Inserted by translator.

Comments: [i] STUKACH: the literal meaning is something like "knocker" from STUK - "knock" or "rap". STUKACH is said to be a slang term for "source", STUK being also alleged to be slang for "secret informer" or "M.G.B. agent". STUKACH is identified as Joseph KATZ (name changed by court order on 21 Mar. 28, NEW YORK, N.Y.), formerly Joseph HILAT. His father signed himself Mirsha HILAT after coming to the U.S.A. KATZ claims that the name was originally CHELT. Born 15 Mar. 1912 (whether old or new style is uncertain) in SVENTSYANY (Polish SWIECZANY, Lithuanian SVENCIONYS), SVENTSYANSKIYEZD, VILENSKAYA GUBERNIYA in the Russian Empire. Son of Mirsha (born in SVIR) and Bedana HILAT, originally CHELT. U.S. citizen by naturalisation of father, 19 Feb. 1925, Common Pleas Court, Patterson, New Jersey. Married Beasia BOGORAD in 1936 in LOS ANGELES, California, and has one child, Paula Jo KATZ (born 2 Jan. 41, NEW YORK, N.Y.).

[ii] Amadeo SABATINI.

[iii] Grigoriy KISPAROV.

[iv] Unidentified cover-name.

[v] General Charles de GAULLE.

[vi] Fleet Admiral William D. LEAHY, Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army and Navy.

[vii] KALIF: William Christian BULLITT.

[viii] Franklin Delano ROOSEVELT.

[ix] FRENK: possibly Laurence DUGGAN. [N.B. This paragraph was published as S/NBF/T39, Item 3].

[x] BANK: the Department of State.

[xi] William Lockhart CLAYTON, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, (previously head of ANDERSON, CLAYTON & CO., cotton factors, HOUSTON, Texas).

[xii] Winthrop Williams ALDRICH, chairman of the board of the Chase National Bank of NEW YORK, etc.

[xiii] Thomas Edmund DEWEY, governor of NEW YORK.